

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 were pending in this application when the present Office Action was mailed on September 3, 2009. In this response, claims 1, 14, 15, 47, 48, and 53 have been canceled. Claims 2-13, 16-24, 33-38, 49, and 54 have been amended. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 2-13, 16-46, 49-52, and 54 are pending.

In the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 3, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1-54 under 35 U.S.C § 103. In particular:

A. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 23-30, 32-33, 38 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,416,705 to Barnett ("Barnett") in further view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0050805A1 to Gouyet et al. ("Gouyet");

B. Claims 7, 16-18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnett and Gouyet and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,499,025 to Middleton et al. ("Middleton");

C. Claims 14, 15, and 53-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnett and Gouyet and in further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,224,669 to Brame ("Brame"); and

D. Claims 19, 20, 22 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnett and Gouyet and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,475,594 to Oder et al. ("Oder").

The undersigned attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for engaging in a telephone interview with himself and Jim Sfekas on November 6, 2009, during which the current rejections and the prior art were discussed. During the telephone interview, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the current rejections in light of the foregoing amendments. The foregoing and following remarks summarize and expand upon the points discussed during the November 6 telephone interview and reflect the foregoing

agreement. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that this paper constitute applicants' interview summary. If the Examiner notices any deficiencies in this regard, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

As discussed during the November 6 interview, the cited references fail to disclose or suggest, in combination with other elements of the claim, at least "determining whether the input fails to comply with the target on a first basis or a second basis" and providing "a first assistance message" or a "second assistance message" depending on whether the input fails to comply on the first basis or the second basis, as is included in amended claim 54. Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully request that the Section 103 rejection of claim 54 be withdrawn.

Independent claims 24, 33, 38, and 49 include features generally similar to those discussed above. Therefore, the Section 103 rejection of claims 24, 33, 38, and 49 should also be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-13, 16-23, 25-32, 33-37, 39-46, and 50-52 depend from these independent claims and should, therefore, be allowed for at least the foregoing reasons and for the additional features of these claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner notices any informalities or other matters that may be expediently handled by telephone, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 359-3257.

Please note that in the Response to Final Office Action filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 4, 2009, \$220.00 was paid for the additional independent claim; however we also note that a 'Total Claim' fee of \$52.00 was due at that time. Accordingly, please charge our EFT Account No. SEA1PIRM in the amount of \$52.00 (as indicated in the attached Amendment Transmittal Letter) for the deficiency in claim fees in the May 4, 2009 response to Final Office Action.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 030048122US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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